

Safety Resources



General Information

There are now several excellent national safety campaigns focusing on individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Autism Society, Safe and Sound, www.autism-society.org/living-with-autism/how-we-can-help/safe-and-sound/
- Autism Speaks, Autism Safety Project, www.autismsafetyproject.org/site/c.kuIVKgMZIx/b.5058283/k.BE40/Home.htm
- National Autism Association, www.autismsafety.org

Bullying

Preliminary results of a study sponsored by IAN suggest that the majority of children with ASD (63%) are bullied.

- Autism Now, www.autismnow.org/articles/bullying-and-autism-spectrum-disorder
- The Bully Project, www.action.thebullyproject.com
- The Interactive Autism Network (IAN), preliminary results, www.iancommunity.org/cs/ian_research_reports/ian_research_report_bullying
- Kid Power, 8 Skills Kids Can Use Right Away, www.kidpower.org/library/article/prevent-bullying

Emergency Preparedness

As Super Storm Sandy recently demonstrated, natural disasters are especially hard on two groups -- elders and people with disabilities.

- Autism Cares, www.autismcares.org/site/c.mqLOIYOBKIF/b.4745901/k.BD21/Home.htm
- FEMA, "Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities..," www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1442
- National Organization on Disability, Tips for People with Disabilities, includes information on service animals in emergency situations, http://nod.org/research_publications/emergency_preparedness_materials/for_people_with_disabilities/
- Ready NH, Special Medical Needs, www.nh.gov/readynh/needs/index

Merchandise

This is a sampling of the many tools available, including window decals, alarm systems, and locators.

- Autism ID Card, www.autismidcard.com/#contribution
- Big Red Safety Shop, www.nationalautismassociation.org/store/#/~/category/id=2416355&offset=0&sort=normal
- Care Trak, www.caretrak.com
- My Precious Kid, www.mypreciouskid.com/products/child-safety-products
- Select Autism Merchandise (SAM), www.selectautismmerchandise.com
- Temporary Tattoos with a Purpose, www.tattooswithapurpose.com

Restraint and Seclusion

Despite tremendous progress in promoting the use of positive behavioral intervention and supports (PBIS) in NH schools, restraint and other aversive techniques are still used in some districts. Senator Tom Harkin has worked tirelessly to pass the Keeping All Students Safe Act (S 2020) which would create a national standard to the protections of students from the inappropriate use of aversive techniques.

- Autism National Committee (AutCom), www.autcom.org/policy
- National Autism Association, www.autismsafety.org/restraint-seclusion.php
- Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS), www.pbis.org

Wandering

Elopement is a serious safety concern for children with ASD. Some were reported to wander away several times a week. Along with the General Information sites above, see:

- Autism Risk and Safety Management (site by Dennis Debbaudt, the first professional to identify the safety risks unique to ASD), www.autismriskmanagement.com
- Child Mind Institute, www.childmind.org/en/posts/articles/2011-7-27-autism-and-wandering-risk-kids-worry-parents